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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

B-4114

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Project Number:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL

Instructions: ~~FRUST~~ instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 10 West Madison

Address of property: 10 West Madison Street

City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21202

Name of historic district: Mount Vernon

☒ National Register district ☒ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name Edward M. Hord; Hord, Coplan, Macht, Inc. Title Architect
Street 2526 St. Paul Street City Baltimore
State Maryland Zip 21218 Telephone Number (during day): 301-467-7011

4. Owner:

Name James D. Locke Development Corporation
Street 518 North Charles Street City Baltimore
State Maryland Zip 21202 Telephone Number (during day): 301-962-8833

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature James D. Locke Date 2/28/86
Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number applied for

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

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5. Description of physical appearance:

The house at 10 West Madison Street is a three story high, three bay wide traditional Baltimore house built of stretcher bond brick. An elaborate projecting entrance portico is located at the easternmost bay. Fluted Ionic columns support a plain entablature with dentils. The portico is capped by a carved wood scroll decoration. Within the portico is the entrance door flanked by thin pilasters and side windows above plain wood panels. To the left of the entrance is a marble basement level punctuated by two, three pane windows protected by a decorative grill. Above a marble sill and wood panel are the tall first floor windows. All of the windows feature stone sills and lintels with a slight pediment capped with carved scroll work. A metal shield, possibly representing a family crest is located between and above the first floor windows. The facade is capped by a dentilled roof cornice. (continued)

Date of Construction: 1851 Source of Date: Baltimore Land Records

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1900 (rear of building)

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

The house at 10 West Madison Street contributes to the character of the Mount Vernon District. It is an excellent example of an early house of the area. It largely retains the characteristics of traditional Baltimore rowhouses - a flat front facade with classical decoration to highlight doors, windows and the roofline. The elaborate front entrance portico and decorative molding at the lintels attests that this building was built and occupied by well-to-do Baltimoreans. The traditional front facade retains a high degree of Classical design elements and an excellence in design which is in keeping with the fine architecture of Mount Vernon Place. Among its fine architectural details are the projecting portico entrance including engaged Ionic columns, decorative shield above the first floor windows and its carved decorations at the lintels and capping the portico. According to Baltimore City Land Records, the property was probably built by Duras Carter, a carpenter in 1851. By 1855 and for the next thirty years, it was owned and occupied by members of the Nicholson family, prominent Baltimore bankers. In the early twentieth century, the house was owned and occupied by the Wheelwright family. Jere Hungerford Wheelwright was in the coal business and was on the board of some important local banks. (continued)

7. Photographs and maps. (attached)

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

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5. Description (continued)

The side of 10 West Madison Street is eight bays wide and three stories high with a projecting fire escape near the front. The side elevation includes a projecting one story bay with leaded windows capped by a simple wood cornice and a basement entrance below grade level. All of the windows are one over one with cast stone sills and lintels. The rear of the back building is three bays wide. Basement windows are located at circular window wells and a first floor window is tripartite. A second fire escape is located at the rear elevation.

6. Significance (continued)

Issac F. Nicholson purchased 10 West Madison Street in 1855. The adjoining house at 8 West Madison was purchased by his brother, Gustavos Nicholson, the same year. The family was prominent in banking in Baltimore. The Nicholson family came to America in 1804. Christopher Nicholson, the founder of the American branch of the family, fought in the Battle of North Point. The banking firm of Issac L. Nicholson and Brother was started in 1832. The name later changed to Nicholson and Company. It was one of the leading financial establishments in Baltimore in the last half of the ~~twentieth~~ ^{NINETEENTH} century; however, the bank failed in 1892. The family was prominent in many civic concerns including Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Historical Society and reform political organizations. Another family member, Issac Lee Nicholson, apparently lived in this house in the 1850's through 1870's. He was also a member of the family business, but left the business to become an Episcopal minister. He was an assistant rector at Old Saint Paul's and later became a Protestant Episcopal Bishop in Milwaukee.

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Owner's Signature



Date

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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

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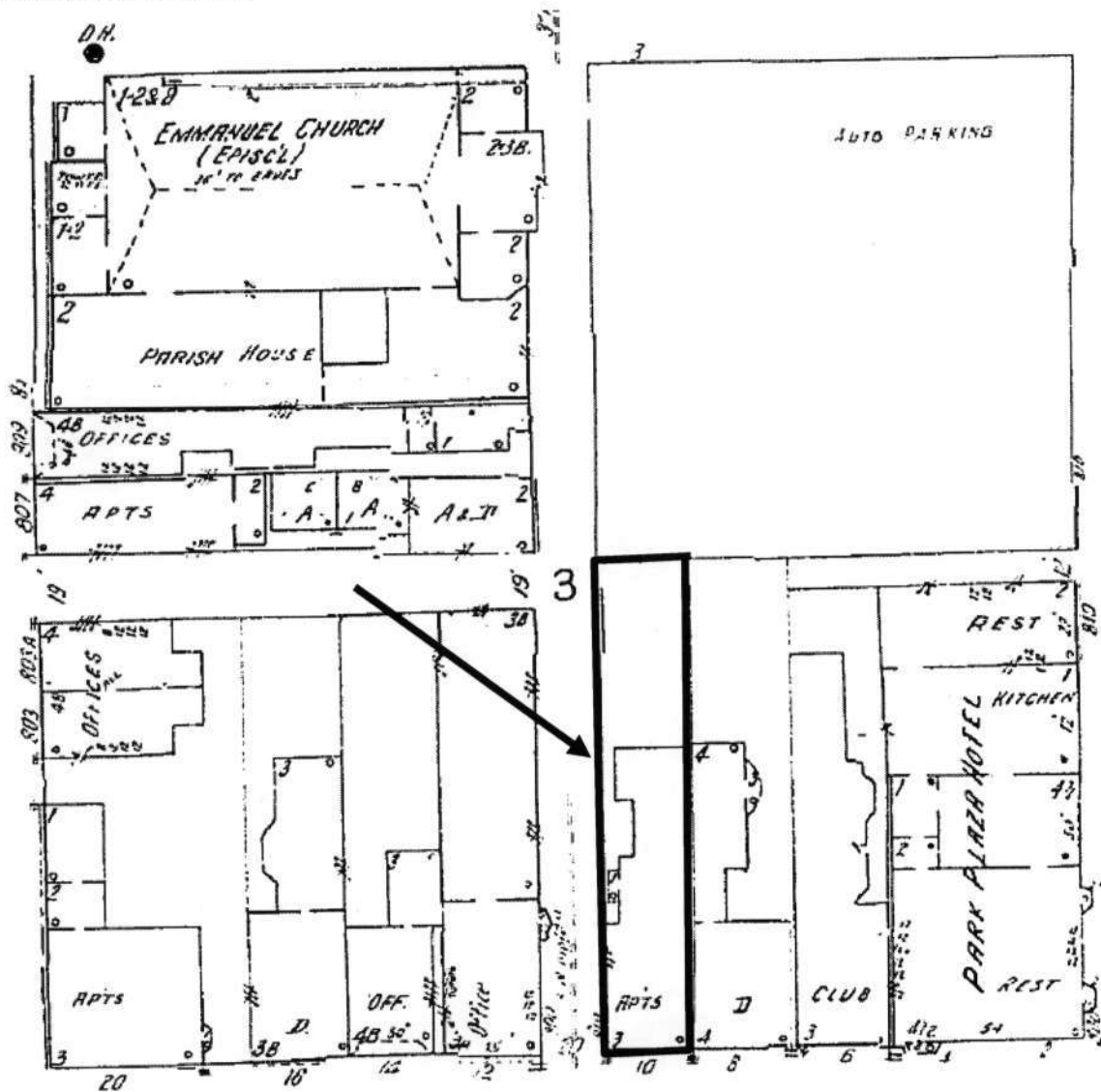
6. Significance (continued)

It is possible that the shield on 10 West Madison Street relates to a family crest or coat of arms. The family was originally from Cumberland, England. There were apparently two branches of the family in England, the Nicholsons of Berwick-upon-Tweed and the Nicholsons of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Both share a coat of arms granted by Queen Elizabeth to Thomas, son of William Nicholson, of Lancashire.

The Wheelwright family, which occupied the house in the early twentieth century, was prominent in the coal business. Jere Hungerford Wheelwright, was born in Virginia. He graduated from George Washington University law school, but only practiced for a few years in Seattle, Washington. In 1893, he returned to the East and became associated with the coal business in West Virginia. He was the President of the Consolidation Coal Company. He was also the controlling officer of many coal companies and railroads in Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Western Maryland. He was a director of the Maryland National Bank and on the executive committee of the Continental Trust Company. Members of Wheelwright family lived here through the 1940's.

The exterior of this building has not faced many alterations. The most important change was an extension or rebuilding of portions of the back building indicated on Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of 1902.

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10 W. Madison Street
Sanborn Map, 1952
Volume 2, Sheet 172

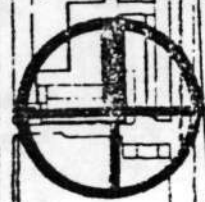




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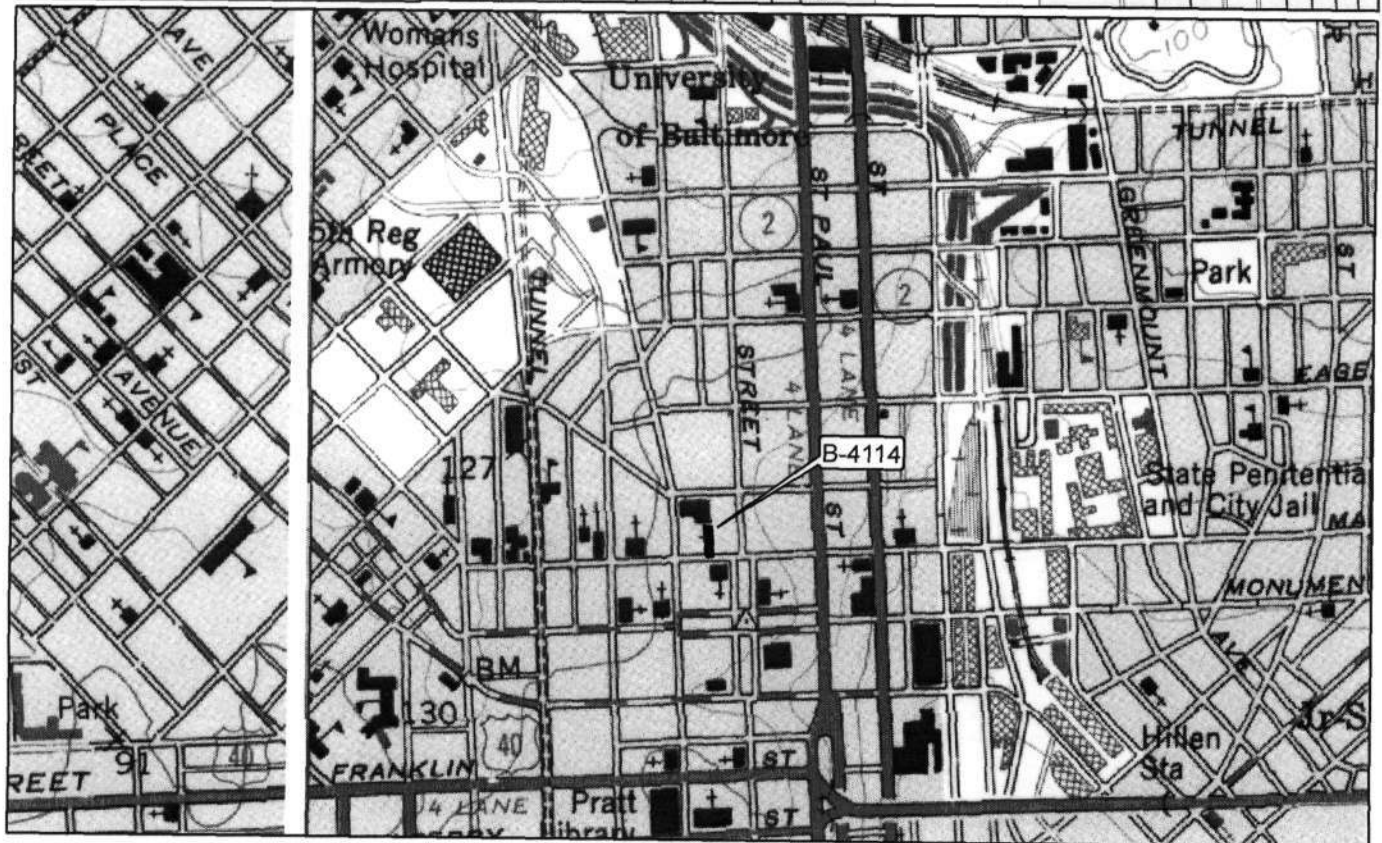
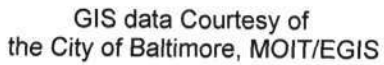
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